

The Commonwealth.

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A SHAMEFUL AFFAIR.

Rev. J. B. Cranfill and Rev. S. A. Hayden, of Texas, became engaged in an altercation on the train from their State to the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., last week, when Dr. Cranfill fired two pistol shots at Rev. Hayden.

The two preachers have had trouble for some years. Dr. Cranfill is editor of the Texas Baptist Standard and Mr. Hayden is editor of the Texas Baptist Herald, an opposition paper, it seems. It is given as a cause for the trouble that some years ago Cranfill and his friends managed to have Hayden turned out of the Baptist Convention, and Hayden sued for damages, claiming that it was malicious. He obtained verdict for heavy damages, but on appeal to the Supreme Court the final decision was against him. The decision of the Supreme Court was rendered about a week ago, and the two men met on the train to the Southern Baptist Convention with the result of an encounter.

They went on to Nashville, Cranfill being arrested at Texarkana, and giving the required bond; but neither of the belligerent preachers was recognized as a delegate to the convention, and Cranfill did not go to the convention at all, but returned to Texas. He claimed that the shooting was in self-defense, but when he was asked how he came to be so well armed, he treated the question with silent contempt.

Dr. Cranfill is said to be a man of strong parts, a fine preacher and a good business man, having made a million dollars in some oil deals within the past few years.

It was a most disgraceful affair, and that one silly episode between these preachers will negative all the good they have done. They ought to be punished to the full extent of the law, each one according to the gravity of his crime; for they have not only disgraced themselves and their homes, but they have brought a blush to the face of thousands and thousands of the great Baptist denomination of the South.

EDITOR FURMAN DEAD.

The entire State of North Carolina was saddened some days ago by the announcement that Mr. Robert M. Furman, editor of the Raleigh Morning Post, had died suddenly at Beaufort.

Mr. Furman's health had recently failed rapidly and his physician advised him to go to the seaside for rest. He left Raleigh Tuesday hopeful that rest would soon restore him to his work; but twenty-four hours afterwards he was dead. He reached Beaufort Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning he felt better. His little eleven-year-old daughter accompanied him, and Wednesday morning he felt well enough for her to leave him to go with other children on a picnic excursion on the water. About 10 o'clock he ate an orange, and talked pleasantly with some friends. Going into his room he was heard to fall, and was soon dead.

Mr. Furman was born in Franklin county in 1847, and had done his life's work in North Carolina. He was one of the ablest newspaper men the State has had. The best years of his life were spent at Asheville as one of the editors of the Asheville Citizen. He had been editor of the Morning Post from the time it was established six years ago, and had done able and conspicuous work on that paper. He was one of the cleverest of men, polite and agreeable and friendly to all, and wherever he went he was a welcomed guest.

Mr. Furman was chief clerk to the Senate for a number of years and was State Auditor from 1892 to 1896. He was a most capable and faithful officer, well informed and ready to give his service unflinchingly to his State.

In his death many personal friends felt deep sorrow and the State loses a most valued citizen. Deep sympathy goes out all over the State to his stricken family.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH feels the loss of a personal friend in Mr. Furman's death, as does almost every editor in the State who has had the good fortune to know him.

CASITORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the
Signature of
Charles H. Fletcher

OUR NEIGHBOR'S BIRTHDAY.

The Roanoke News of Weldon has entered upon its thirty-ninth birthday. We offer congratulations and wish it even more abundant success. Seldom does a county newspaper continue in the same name and with so few changes as long as the Roanoke News has. It was an established institution in Halifax county when the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH made Scotland Neck his home more than twenty-one years ago, and its publication has been regular and its work good and faithful all the while.

COMMENDS MR. DUNN'S LETTER.

The candidates in Northampton county announce themselves through a card in the Rich Square Times. There are five candidates for Sheriff, three for Register of Deeds, and two for Treasurer.

The Rich Square Times commends Mr. W. A. Dunn's letter of two weeks ago as follows:

"Last week's Halifax papers contained a strong and timely letter from Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, on the political situation in that county which closed by urging the Democrats to nominate no one in the county convention for a county office whose name had not previously been suggested for the office."

"It strikes us this advice is most timely and equally applicable to Northampton. The people—the rank and file—should have a voice in nominating our standard bearers and the place to do this is in the primaries."

COL. WORTHINGTON DEAD

Col. Worthington was well known in this part of the State and had many friends who will regret to learn of his death. The News and Observer says of him:

"In the death of the late Col. D. Worthington, the State loses a patriot who served North Carolina well in peace and in war. He was but a boy in 1861 when the South seceded, but he promptly volunteered and won promotion by conspicuous bravery. He served several terms in the General Assembly, was chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and bore a conspicuous part as a leader. He practiced law at Williamston, Rocky Mount and Wilson and was an honor to that honored profession. He was the author of a delightful book, depicting the Southern life at its best. For more than a year, in failing health, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Horne, at Hanover, N. H. He passionately loved his State and his friends. He closed an honorable career in peace."

ROANOKE A GOOD FISHERY.

Last Sunday's News and Observer contained an interesting article from Washington by Mr. Fred L. Merritt on fish culture in North Carolina.

The following mention was made of the Edenton and Weldon hatcheries, which claims that the Roanoke is one of the best locations for certain fish interests:

"The Edenton and Weldon hatcheries are both under the superintendence of S. G. Worth, the Edenton station being permanent and that at Weldon a subsidiary station. The Edenton station is devoted almost exclusively to the propagation of shad, the output last year being 25,549,000 fry shad. The Weldon station was established for work with striped-bass in North Carolina. The output last year was 3,125,000. This is one of the most valuable river fisheries known and for some years the commissioner has been trying to find a place where it can be cultivated. Last year's results on the Roanoke proves it one of the best places in the country, and this year all experiments with striped-bass will be carried on there. The report says it is 'probably the best site on the coast for collecting the eggs of this species.'"

FIRE IN PLYMOUTH.

A special from Plymouth to Saturday's Morning Post said: "About 6:30 o'clock this morning fire of accidental origin destroyed the dwelling on Adams street occupied by Mr. G. R. Bateman, a blacksmith and buggy shop, and burned the county jail house to such an extent that it is practically ruined. There were no prisoners in the jail at the time of the fire. The court house was in imminent danger and was saved only by the hard work of firemen and citizens. There was no insurance on any of the property and the county's loss is about three thousand dollars."

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COL. GLENN'S NEIGHBORS.

Charlotte Observer.
To the Editor of The Observer:
Will you oblige me personally and the Rockingham Democrats generally by publishing the enclosed quotations from some of our most prominent citizens concerning our brilliant fellow county-man, Col. R. B. Glenn?
Yours fraternally,
JOHN T. OLIVER.
Reidsville, May 12.

"I am always for my people," said Mr. E. R. Harris yesterday, when he was asked as to who was his choice for Governor. "If my vote should decide the contest Glenn will be the man."

Mr. Harris, who is the commander of the Seales-Boyd Camp of Confederate Veterans, is one of the most enthusiastic of Col. Glenn's scores of friends. He is always glad to talk about the brilliant son of a Rockingham veteran who gave his life for the cause which was so dear and near to our people.

"I know Major Stedman did his duty in the war, but there are other things to be considered in this contest," he added. "Glenn has never faltered at any duty, and had he been one of us in the sixties he would have been in the forefront. His father died on the battlefield, and a braver or better soldier never shouldered a gun. Isn't it one of Glenn's peculiar characteristics to get in the forefront of the battles of today, and do a full share of the fighting for his party and his State?"

The veterans have no firmer friend in the State than Mr. Harris. He would do everything possible for their comfort in their declining years, and he loves them with a tender devotion. His advocacy of Col. Glenn's candidacy is consistent with this devotion to the minutest detail.

"Here is a son of a Confederate soldier, who at the end of the war found himself dependent upon a widowed mother for his support and his education. His family home was in ashes, but with heroic efforts, the like of which is known only to those women who were left here in those days in similar circumstances, he was brought to maturity and educated."

"Not only has he made for himself a place in the world which the average man can envy, but he has reflected credit upon his State and spent such a liberal amount of his time in behalf of the Democratic party that he is personally known to a great majority of the people all over the State."

"Nearly all my life I have voted for Confederate veterans for Governor, for Congress and for other important offices. I have never allowed an opportunity to pass to show them my love and respect. I am this year going to vote for a son of a veteran's widow—to pay these brave women a compliment, and to show my love and admiration for them."

"Yes, sir, if my vote will decide the contest you can put it down that Glenn will be North Carolina's next Governor," he added, "and it seems to me that a great majority of the people of the State are thinking just as I think about it."

As the Confederate soldier is rapidly passing by it may not be amiss to occasionally honor the worthy son of a noble sire.—Col. J. M. Galloway, Madison, a veteran.

He is fit, capable, intelligent, just, firm, able and honest. He is a loyal, unselfish friend; a man who has more than once sacrificed his own ambition to make way for his friends; he is a man of success—won by his big heart and big brain. His executive ability is second to no man's in the State. In award he will fit the Governor's chair completely and satisfactorily.—Mayor P. B. Watt, Reidsville.

He is a giant oak in the forest—a giant in intellect and in his devotion to the Democratic party. No man in the State can compare services for the party with him and make a favorable showing. It will be a real pleasure to vote for him.—N. C. Thompson, Reidsville.

I love Glenn most because the Republicans hate him most.—C. O. McMichael, of Madison.

Col. Glenn has no warmer friend and supporter than I. My time and my services are at his disposal, day or night.—M. F. Pinnix, sheriff of Rockingham.

He is our own man—a son of Rockingham—and he loves us all. It will be a proud day for this county when he is Governor of this great State.—J. V. Price, Wentworth.

Every man who has held office under a Democratic administration in this State is under personal obligations to Mr. Glenn, for he has done more than any one man to keep the Democratic rudder true and land the old ship in the harbor called Victory.—Ex-Sheriff R. W. Hutcherson, of Reidsville.

We are all for Glenn in our section. He is one of our people, and we are glad to honor him.—James Irie, of Leaksville.

While district attorney he made an attempt to stop the American Tobacco Company of its robbery of the farmers, and went out of office with a record of being the only district attorney who ever made any effort in this direction. The trust is against him; therefore I am for him.—J. W. Fitzgerald, of Ruffin, a veteran soldier.

I am for Glenn—not because I love the white-haired soldier less, but be-

WHY NOAH FAILED!

WHEN Noah advertised the flood nobody believed; when he started to build the Ark everybody thought his head needed the attention of a wheelwright. But the flood came just as advertised, and Noah and his immediate relatives were the only ones who were not wiped off the map.

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Such a statement, backed by facts, cannot be challenged. But when applied to our stock, the one that has never disappointed, never failed to make good and always excelled its advertised greatness, there is no room for doubt.

We have given line upon line, precept upon precept, and most people of the people are convinced that we are THE Hardware people, judging from our April sales, being 33 1-3 per cent. larger than ever before for the same month, but there are a few still groping in the darkness and will not see the light.

What happened to the people who refused to believe Noah is a matter of history. Don't let history repeat itself in your case.

FUTRELL-HARDY

HARDWARE COMPANY,

"The Hardware Hustlers,"

Scotland Neck,

North Carolina.

cause it is now time to reward the young soldier who has fought so gallantly the battles of Democracy.—Dr. J. C. Mills, of Reidsville, a veteran soldier.

He is an honorable, upright man; there is no better citizen in the State.—B. M. Hitchcock, of Reidsville.

As a lawyer he is at the head. To-day you read of him pleading at the bar of justice in Buncombe. To-morrow you will see that he is at Manteo, in the extreme eastern corner of the State on the same mission. His services are in demand, because of his special ability.—P. W. Glidewell, of Wentworth.

Glenn is the man. The stars in their course seem to point to his nomination. I had thought of retiring from politics, but I have concluded not to do so until Col. Glenn is rewarded by being made Governor.—J. H. Richardson, of Bensie.

New Bethel will give Glenn its vote because Glenn has given so much to the Democratic party. You know New Bethel always does what is right.—Coroner J. L. Sharp, of Basen.

CALL OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES AND CONVENTION FOR HALIFAX COUNTY.

The Democratic primaries for Halifax county have been called to meet in the respective precincts on Monday, the 30th day of May, 1904, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention. The said primaries will be held in the several precincts on said day at the following times:

Brinkleyville precinct at 4 p. m.
Butterwood precinct at 10 a. m.
Faucoets precinct at 10 a. m.
Weldon precinct at 4:15 p. m.
Roanoke Rapids precinct at 7 p. m.
Littleton precinct at 3 p. m.
Halifax precinct at 3 p. m.
Conocoanara precinct at 3 p. m.
Enfield precinct at 3 p. m.
Scotland Neck precinct at 3 p. m.
Roanoke precinct at 3 p. m.
Palmyra precinct at 3 p. m.
Kebuke precinct at 3 p. m.

The Democratic county convention for Halifax county is called to meet in Halifax town on the 3rd day of June, 1904, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and Congressional conventions and to nominate the Democratic candidates for county officers and members of the General Assembly. By order of the executive committee, May 16th, 1904.

E. L. TRAVIS, Chairman.

THE LADIES favor painting their eyebrows, and therefore we urge every minister to remember we give a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martine's Paint toward the painting.

Wears and covers like gold. Don't pay \$1.50 a gallon for Linseed Oil (worth 60 cents) which you do when you buy other paints in a can with a paint label on it.

8 and 6 make 14, therefore when you want 14 gallons of paint, buy 8 of L. & M., and mix 6 gallons of pure Linseed Oil with it, and thus get paint for less than \$1.20 per gallon.

Many houses are well painted with four gallons of L. & M. and three gallons of Linseed Oil mixed therewith. These Celebrated Paints are sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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stops the cough and heals lungs

DEMOCRATIC PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

1. The unit of county organization shall be the voting precincts. In each precinct there shall be an Executive Committee, to consist of five active Democrats, who shall be elected by the Democratic voters at the several precincts in the meeting first called by the County Executive Committee. And said committee so elected shall elect one of its members as chairman who shall preside at all committee meetings.

2. The chairmen of the several precinct committees shall compose the County Executive Committee, which shall meet at the same time and place as the County Convention first held in each election year, and elect a chairman of said County Committee, who need not be a member of the committee of said committee, and shall hold his place until his successor shall be elected. A majority of said precinct chairmen, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. The County Committee shall likewise appoint a central committee of five, who shall act in its stead when the County Committee is not in session.

3. In case there shall be a failure on the part of any precinct to elect its Executive Committee for a period of thirty days, the County Executive Committee shall appoint said committee from the Democratic voters of said precinct.

4. The members of the Precinct Committee shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committee.

5. The County Executive Committee shall call all necessary conventions by giving at least ten days' notice by public advertisement in three public places in each precinct, at the court house door, and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county, requesting all Democrats of the county to meet in their respective precincts on a common day therein stated, which said day shall not be less than three days before the meeting of the County Convention, for the purpose of electing their delegates to the County Conventions. Thereupon the meeting so held shall elect their delegates to represent the precincts in the County Convention from the voters of the respective voting precincts, which delegates, or such of them as shall attend, shall vote the full Democratic strength of their respective voting precincts on all questions that may come before said County Conventions. In case no meeting shall be held in any precinct in pursuance of said call, or no election shall be made, the Precinct Executive Committee shall appoint such delegates.

6. At every precinct meeting there shall (before the delegates to the County Convention are elected) be a vote taken for the different candidates for office, whose names may be presented and the delegates shall vote in the County Convention of their respective districts in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the County Convention that proportion of the vote to which the precinct may be entitled which he received in the precinct meeting. The chairman and secretary of the precinct meeting shall certify to the County Convention the vote received by each candidate at the precinct meeting.

7. Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the County Convention one vote for every twenty-five Democratic votes, and one vote for fractions of thirteen Democratic votes cast by the township at the last preceding gubernatorial election; PROVIDED, that every voting precinct shall be entitled to cast one vote, and each precinct may send as many delegates as it may see fit.

8. The chairmen of the Precinct

Committees shall preside at all precinct meetings. In their absence any other member of said committees may preside.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

1. The several County Conventions shall be entitled to elect to their Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional Conventions one delegate and one alternate for every fifty Democratic votes, and one delegate for fractions over twenty-five Democratic votes cast at the last preceding gubernatorial election in their respective counties, and none but delegates or alternates so elected shall be entitled to a seat in said convention: PROVIDED FURTHER, that in all County Conventions in which delegates shall be selected to attend any State, Congressional, Judicial or other convention a vote shall be taken in accordance with the plan of organization as to the candidates whose names may be presented to such County Convention. The delegates shall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted for, in proportion to the number of votes he shall receive in such County Convention, and no other instruction shall be given: PROVIDED FURTHER, that when only one candidate is presented and voted for at such County Convention, it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate.

2. At every County Convention (before delegates to State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other convention are chosen) there shall be a vote taken for the different candidates for office whose names may be presented, and the delegates shall vote for their respective counties in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other convention the proportion of the vote to which the county may be entitled which he received in the County Convention. The chairman and secretary of the County Convention shall certify to each convention the vote received by each candidate given: PROVIDED, that where only one candidate is presented it shall be lawful to instruct for him. At all State District Conventions the delegates from the different counties may disregard the vote of their respective counties as to any candidate: PROVIDED, that a two-thirds majority of all his votes from the county count.

3. The chairman, or in his absence any member of the County, Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional Convention, shall call to order their respective conventions and hold chairmanship thereof until the convention shall elect its chairman.

4. The Executive Committees of the Senatorial, Congressional and Judicial Districts, respectively, shall, at the call of their respective chairmen, meet at some time and place in their respective districts, and the chairman of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairmen of the different County Executive Committees of the said appointment, and the said County Executive Committee shall forthwith call conventions of their respective counties in conformity to said notice to send delegates to said respective District Conventions.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

The State Convention shall be composed of delegates appointed by the several County Conventions. Each county shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate for every one hundred and fifty Democratic votes, and one delegate for fractions over seventy-five Democratic votes cast therein at the last preceding gubernatorial election; and none but delegates or alternates so elected shall be entitled to seats in said convention: PROVIDED, that every county shall have at least one vote in said convention.

GENERAL RULES.

1. At all conventions the delegates

shall be selected as near as may be from the friends and supporters of the candidates voted for.

2. such delegates—or alternates of absent delegates—as may be present at any Democratic Convention shall be allowed to cast the whole vote to which their precinct or county may be entitled.

3. In all conventions provided for by this system, after a vote is cast, there shall be no change in such vote until the final result of the ballot shall be announced by the chairman of said convention.

4. All Democratic Executive Committees shall have the power to fill any vacancies occurring in their respective bodies.

5. The chairmen of the different County Conventions shall certify the list of delegates and alternates of the different District and State Conventions, and a certified list of said delegates and alternates to the secretary of the State Central Committee.

6. It shall be the duty of the County Committee and its chairman to furnish such information and make such reports to the chairman of the State Committee as he may desire.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 17, 1904, the following rule was adopted:

"In all conventions a nomination may be made by any majority, even though it be a fraction of a vote."

F. M. SIMMONS,

Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

ALEX. J. FEILD, Secretary.

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

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ELIZABETH ADKINS, Executrix.

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